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UVic has hired its first women as labourers on the Grounds staff, and they are scythe-wielding Susan McArthur, who graduated this year from Arts and Science, and Alison Pennie, a third-year Physical Education student. Both do everything the men do, though at first the women had to convince their solicitous fellow workers they could even lift heavy objects. Miss Pennie, who was Miss Victoria in 1973, said they wouldn't have been hired for the summer had they not been strong. She added that she had thought she was in prime physical condition until her first back-bending day of work.

'MIXED BLESSING'

When Dr. Brian Wharf was appointed late last year as director of UVic's new School of Social Work, he had expected to arrive here in May ready to have it in operation by September.

But just prior to his arrival the University decided to postpone opening of the school and the School of Nursing for one year because of a tight operating budget.

"I think it is a mixed blessing," commented Dr. Wharf on the postponement during an interview in his new office in the Craigdarroch Office Wing.

"In one way it is good to have a year of thinking, getting to know people again (he used to work as a senior probation officer with the Victoria Juvenile and Family Court in 1960-63) and where the services are. I think it was unfortunate that we raised a lot of expectations on the part of some students and some people who were invited to apply as faculty members."

However, Dr. Wharf said that as a compromise a second-year introductory course to social work will be started this fall and one faculty position created for it.

He said that for the fall of 1976 there will be 30 student openings, and by 1977, when the fourth-year level starts, 40 more openings. It is also proposed that an alternate one-year programme leading to a bachelor of social work for B.A. graduates who have a year's work experience will be included, and this would mean 35 more openings.

Garth Homer, Administrator of G.R. Pearkes Clinic for Handicapped Children, was hired as a part-time consultant in September to prepare the groundwork for

B.O.G. MEET DELAYED

Because of heavy committee workloads the June 16 meeting of UVic's Board of Governors was postponed until June 26. The open session begins at 1 p.m. in the Commons Block "Gold Room."

Dr. Wharf, and has agreed to stay on for another year.

Dr. Wharf plans to shape the school's curriculum to a over-all philosophy he has in mind.

"We are looking to prepare students who would be generalists in terms of helping techniques in that they wouldn't be locked into a particular method of working with people or in one social work field."

He said he wants graduates who see social work in terms of services with consumers, laymen and politicians. "Social work is very much a partnership enterprise."

To help achieve this generalist aim, the school will emphasize interdisciplinary studies in co-operation with such areas as Nursing, Child Care, Law and Public Administration.

"We don't intend to be an isolated, segregated or highly-insulated type of programme."

Another feature of the school is that it will stress field work in rural regions and in small towns — areas which have been neglected not only in social work but in other service professions.

Dr. Wharf said as a start he plans to work out, with the provincial government, a summer practicum between the third year and fourth year programmes that would put the students out in rural areas, and, for instance, on Indian reserves.

Fourth year will be heavily practical in

that it is envisaged students will spend at least two days a week working in agencies in Victoria. They would also do a major research project "that would enable them to get deeply immersed in the problems of the agency in which they are placed."

In the next year, Dr. Wharf will be consulting with the provincial government and its various agencies, which range from mental retardation to corrections and old age care, to find out what content they would like to see in the curriculum. "We will then extract what is common to these fields and then determine what we can offer."

Before coming to UVic Dr. Wharf was associate professor at the School of Social Work, McMaster University, where, in his six years there, he played a major role in the development of that university's graduate programme in social work.

Prior to his probation officer job in Victoria, he was a caseworker with the Haney Correctional Institution and a social worker with the Saskatchewan Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation

In 1963-66, he was director of Social Planning of United Community Services in London, Ont.

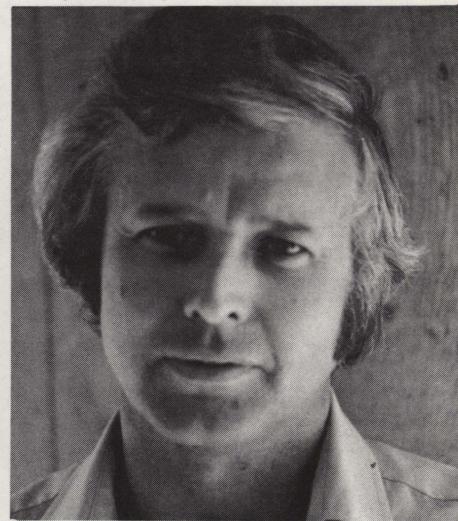
He was chairman of the committee of the Canadian Association of Social Workers, which presented a brief to the Senate Committee on Poverty in 1970.

He gained a B.A. in English and History, and a Master's in Social Work from the University of British Columbia. He studied for his doctorate at Brandeis

University, Boston.

The Social Work office is being shared with Nursing. The secretary is Mrs. Marilyn Norman, at local 832.

DR. WHARF
...a year to prepare



Research assistant Gail Jewsbury and the soxhlet extractors which separate oil from sediment.

SEEKING INVISIBLE OIL

To the naked eye, many beaches around Vancouver Island seem largely pure and pristine, but to Biology's Jack Littlepage there is likely to be oil in those sands.

With the help of a grant from Imperial Oil, Dr. Littlepage has developed a fast and simple technique for discovering minuscule amounts of spilled oil in the sediment of Island shores.

"The purpose of the project is to determine how much spilled oil, if any and in whatever small amounts, exists around the Island before the tanker traffic begins to ply these waters en route to the petroleum refinery at Cherry Point, Washington."

By knowing this, Dr. Littlepage will be able to gauge how much beaches deteriorate in the future, both from common bunker "C" oil spillage from freighters and from possible accidents in the forthcoming tanker routes.

Last summer, his research assistants cruised around Vancouver Island taking hundreds of samples, mainly from shallow inshore waters and some from a 1,000 metres deep. Now he is beginning to analyze them with a fluorimeter at a

rate of what will be 200 samples a day after the oil is separated in soxhlet extractors, which work more or less like coffee percolators.

Dr. Littlepage's technique determines quantities of oil which are not visible to the eye, that is, finding one part of oil in a billion parts of sediment.

But if currents, weather conditions, or the nearness of, say, an oil refinery, keep depositing small amounts of oil on a beach, the day eventually comes when suddenly the pollution becomes visible.

"By monitoring the condition of a beach, we will be able to point out a problem before it becomes a threat or is visible to anyone." He added that sometimes the solution is simple, such as a minor change in a shipping route.

Dr. Littlepage carried out more exhaustive studies of Victoria and Esquimalt harbours, and as a comparison, the waters of Vancouver harbour. The control area was Cadboro Bay, found to be nearly free of oil.

As expected, because of fuel docks and ship traffic, there are some areas in the harbours that are lightly oiled, while some are heavily laden enough to be visible.

THESIS EXAMS

Following are forthcoming oral examinations to be given by the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

Ricardo Bigi de Aquino, a M.A. candidate in Geography, on "Paul Gauguin, Robert Louis Stevenson and the South Pacific - a Study in Humanistic Geography", June 26 at 10:30 p.m. in Cornett 145.

Tony Grant Thorne Marshall, a M.A. candidate in Political Science, in the areas of Public Law, Comparative Government, and Canadian Government, on June 23 at 2 p.m. in Cornett 314.

SUMMER LAW COURSE

A summer course in law for British Columbia high school teachers, believed to be the first of its kind in Canada, will be offered this year by UVic's faculties of Law and Education.

The announcement was made by Dean Murray Fraser of the Faculty of Law during the three-day National Conference

on Legal Aid held at UVic last week.

Dean Fraser told the 300 delegates from across Canada that the course is designed to better prepare those teachers who will teach in the Law 11 course in the province's high schools.

He said the course, entitled an Introduction to Law and the Canadian Legal System, is in response to a definite need determined through the research of the Justice Development Commission of B.C.

Hopefully, he said, the course will be expanded into a series within the future.

The teachers will receive credit for successful completion of the course under the regulations of the Faculty of Education.

The programme will be held on an intensive basis for a three-week period during July and will be taught by Law Professors Ronald Cheffins, William H. Charles and Lyman R. Robinson assisted by Dr. Cary Goulson of the Faculty of Education.

SPORTS FOR CHILDREN

Two summer programmes for children, stressing camping and outdoor skills and sports, will be offered on campus in July.

The Fifth Summer Camp will run from July 7 to July 26 for boys and girls, ages 10 to 12, and the third annual Summer Sports School will be July 7 to July 25 for girls and boys, 9 to 12 years, and July 14 to July 25 for ages 13 to 15.

Both are being sponsored by UVic's Physical Education Division under the auspices of the 1975 Summer Session.

The camp will be based at UVic where outdoor skills will be taught. Included will be day trips to nearby parks and beaches and a five-day residential camp at the St. Francis Xavier Campsite, Shawnigan Lake.

The emphasis will be on skills such as living in the outdoors, canoeing, hiking, introductory rock climbing, and recreational sports. The idea is for these skills to be applied in an overnight experience and during the residential camp.

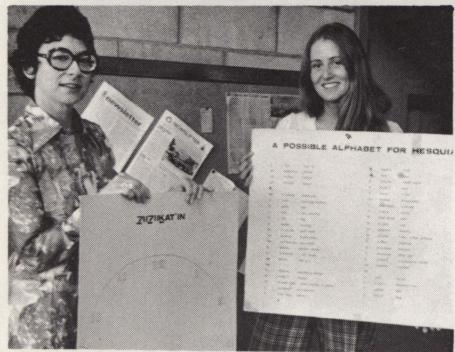
Registration will be restricted to 110 participants at a fee of \$70 each.

The sports school has been designed to afford each participant in the 13 to 15 year-old group maximum opportunity to acquire game experience and individualized instruction in the essential skills of basketball and volleyball, for both girls and boys, and either grass hockey (girls) and soccer (boys). One sport only can be selected.

For the 9 to 12-year-olds, there will be group participation in basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and soccer or field hockey.

Fee for the older group is \$25, and for the younger \$35.

Further details are available through UVic's Summer Session Office at 477-6911, Local 800.



Because of UVic's one-year-old Native Indian Language Diploma Programme, the Provincial Museum's Linguistics Department is extending its co-operation with native groups on the Island in stimulating the revival of their threatened

languages. Above (from the left) are Mable Dennis, Mary Jane Dick, and Bernice Touchie, putting on tape the languages of Robert Sport, left, the grandfather of Mable Dennis, and Joshua Edgar, the granduncle of Bernice Touchie. As graduates of the programme and speakers of various Nootka languages, the three women have been hired for the summer by the museum to carry out research on Island languages and to produce educational material from them. Dr. Barbara Efrat, Curator of the Linguistics Department, said that having three natives trained by UVic in linguistics and education has greatly widened the department's capability in making resource material available to Indian groups. Dr. Efrat is shown with Brenda Milbrath, a UVic Linguistics student who has been hired for the summer to collect examples of native language teaching material from all over the continent.



This widely-flung campus may seem a bother at times to a person with two healthy legs, but imagine how it is for a person in a wheelchair. But for them distances are not the only problem. Lorna Cunningham, left, and Joanne Neubauer, two UVic students working for the summer for the provincial Department of Human Resources, were on campus recently carrying out a study on how much facilities here take in account the handicapped. They could be better, said Joanne as she listed details that could make life less frustrating for students like herself. For instance, many doors are too awkward to open, or too narrow, toilets are too low, some of the ramps are too steep, and elevator buttons are out of reach. The two belong to one of three teams making an accessibility study for the handicapped on public institutions, cabarets, recreational facilities, and hospitals. The project, which is employing both the non-handicapped and the handicapped, will produce a report in the fall.

FACULTY NEWS

BIOLOGY

Dr. Alan Austin and research student Sylvia Handley have been working with the federal Department of the Environment, Ocean and Aquatic Affairs Laboratory at Pat Bay in research on Victoria's watershed lakes. Scientists from the laboratory fly over a given lake with an electronic "black box" in an attempt to measure the chlorophyll in the organisms living in the water while the UVic team works the lake surface using biological or limnological methods.

Dr. Austin's research on the lakes, which began in 1967, will also appear in a documentary film being made on the state of local water supplies. The film is being sponsored by the Greater Victoria Water Board.

CLASSICS

Professor D.A. Campbell, who will be on study leave next session, has been awarded a fellowship of \$12,000 by the American Council of Learned Societies. He has also won a Canada Council research grant of \$9,207 and an American Philosophical Society grant-in-aid for his research in the field of Greek lyric poetry.



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